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Victoria Henneberry, Blake Leggette due in court in July PAGES

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Chamber speech.

Finance minister appears committed to listening, business owners say



DAVENPORT

Halifax business groups say they're pleased the new federal finance minister appears to be taking the time to listen and learn about local business concerns.

Minister Joe Oliver, who took over the federal finance portfolio in late March, appeared at a Halifax Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday.

Oliver, a former investment banker, promised the crowd the next federal budget will be balanced and the government will be "looking for ways" to provide tax relief to small busi-

"To succeed, entrepreneurs ... need the freedom of lower

The percentage of Nova Scotia businesses that are small or medium sized.

taxes and less red tape," he said. "Taxes absorb dollars that could otherwise be reinvested to grow a business, hire more locals and give Canadians more of what we want and

The senior policy analyst for the Canadian Federation of Independent Business in Nova Scotia said Oliver met with eight Halifax-area business owners Tuesday morning for a "frank conversation" on their most pressing concerns.

"He asked very insightful follow-up questions to those points that the members were raising ... it really showed that he had been well briefed," said Jennifer English.

English said top of the list for medium and small businesses in Nova Scotia is the

overall tax burden, which is "not competitive" in this prov-

She said red tape, immigration and credit or debit merchant fees also came up.

"The conversation was very much, 'We want you as newly appointed federal finance minister to know how it impacts us," said English. "So the people on the ground creating employment and contributing to our communities, this is what that actually means."

Halifax Chamber of Commerce senior vice-president of policy Nancy Conrad said Oliver talked the right talk on taxes and red tape, and there's no indication he won't walk

"If we start to see spending in ways that are not consistent as in the past, if we see increased taxes ... those would say to us, this government's moving in a different direction," she said. "Nothing we saw today said there was a change in course.'

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Halifax Mooseheads forward Jonathan Drouin takes out Guillaume Gélinas of the Val-d'Or Foreurs during Game 3 of their QMJHL semifinal series on Tuesday night. Halifax rallied from a 5-1 deficit to beat the Foreurs 6-5 in OT and now only trail the best-of-seven series 2-1. Story, page 26. ANDY KLINK/ABITIBI EXPRESS

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Harlington Avenue

Boy scratched up after being struck by vehicle

Police say a four-year-old boy was taken to hospital as a precaution after being hit by a vehicle in Halifax on Tuesday.

Police say a 19-year-old man driving slowly on Harlington Avenue at 1:30 p.m. hit the youngster when the boy ran across the street in front of the vehicle.

The driver stopped quickly, police say, but still hit the boy, knocking him to the ground.

Police say the boy immediately got up and continued on his way.

The mother of the boy, who was in the area, took her son to the IWK Health Centre for precautionary reasons. Police say he sustained only minor scratches.

There was no crosswalk at the location, and there will be no charges. METRO

Highway 104

Truck hits, badly injures woman

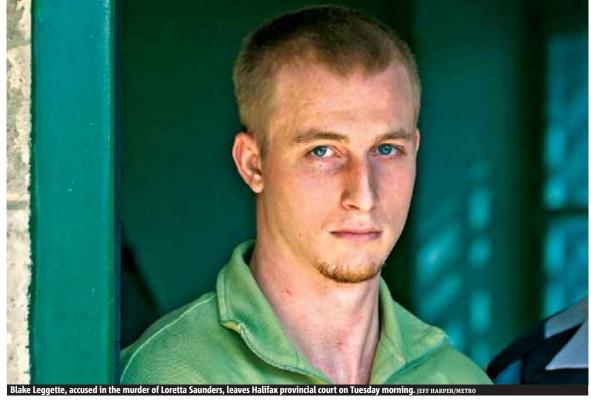
A 48-year-old woman was struck by a pickup truck carrying a trailer late Tuesday morning on Highway

The single-vehicle collision near Salt Springs at Exit 19 caused detours into the afternoon as the RCMP investigated the crash.

'Apparently she was walking on the shoulder of the road," said Sgt. Kevin Dunlevy of the Pictou County RCMP.

The victim was taken to hospital in New Glasgow with serious injuries. METRO/

NEW GLASGOW NEWS



Dates set for preliminary hearing in Saunders case

First-dearee murder.

Blake Leggette and Victoria Henneberry are no-shows again in court

Four days have been set aside in July for a preliminary hearing for two people charged with the murder of Loretta Saunders.

Blake Leggette, 26, and his lfriend, Victoria Hennegirlfriend, berry, 28, were charged with first-degree murder on Feb. 27, two weeks after Saunders dis-



appeared from Halifax. They did not appear in provincial court in Halifax on Tuesday when the date for the preliminary hearing to begin was scheduled for July 21.

Several friends and relatives of Saunders sat in the front row of the courtroom. Saunders' cousin said someone from the family will be there each time the case is in court.

"It's important for us to have family representation," Lisa White said outside court. "We're going to be there every step of the way.'

Leggette and Henneberry were charged after Saunders'

body was found in a wooded area off the Trans-Canada Highway in New Brunswick.

She disappeared from Halifax on Feb. 13.

Police allege the 26-year-old woman was killed the day she was last seen at an apartment she once shared with the two

Saunders, an Inuit woman from Labrador, was a student at Saint Mary's University and focused her studies on missing and murdered aboriginal

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Shubenacadie. Vets to mull euthanizing two wildlife park bears

A decision on whether to euthanize two aging bears at a provincial park in Nova Scotia depends on the advice of a veterinarian, Natural Resources Minister Zach Churchill said Tuesday.

Churchill said the health of the animals at the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park, about 60 kilometres northeast of Halifax, will be assessed before the province takes any action.

These bears are reaching the end of their expected lifespan," he said. "They (veterinarians) will be reaching out to the department with a recommendation.

Churchill was responding to a report that the park was planning to euthanize the two bears. He was unsure when a decision would be

Department spokesman Bruce Nunn said the appointment with the veterinarian has been postponed once, but would likely take place sometime over the next two

Nunn said the lifespan of a bear in the wild is about 10 to 15 years, while in captivity it's between 20 and 22 years. He said the park's bears are about 21 years old.

Bob Petrie, the department's director of wildlife, said park staff interact with the animals every day and are adept at noticing significant changes in behaviour related to health, such as eating habits and the ability to move normally.

Petrie wouldn't confirm whether that was the case with the park's bears.

"Staff are seeing signs of aging and perhaps a reduction in the quality of life that the bears may be experiencing, so that's why it's cause to start asking these questions," said Petrie.

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Pictou County. More information needed before cleanup plan: Premier

Premier Stephen McNeil says the Nova Scotia government is committed to the cleanup of Pictou County's Boat Harbour, but it needs more information on what's in the waterway.

McNeil says he can't put a time frame on a remediation plan until the province knows what kinds of effluent are in the harbour.

He says the most recent data dates back to 1995 and has to be updated, which is underway.

Last week, the government announced that a permit to pump effluent into Boat Harbour from a mill owned by Northern Pulp would be extended while it consults with the Pictou Landing First Nation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Call for action

The Pictou Landing First Nation is calling for immediate action on a cleanup.



Got the sunshine, but where are the lollipops and rainbows?

The grass is beginning to get green and 16 C temperatures made for an ideal spot to take an afternoon break on Citadel Hill for many in Halifax on Tuesday. Environment Canada is forecasting rain for the middle of the week, with the sunny weather returning on Friday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Ottawa must keep cap on 'reckless' spending

Joe Oliver. Canada's new finance minister makes speech to Halifax chamber

Finance Minister Joe Oliver says he plans to resist pressures to stimulate the economy with federal money as Ottawa remains focused on bringing in a balanced budget next year.

Oliver acknowledged in a speech to a Halifax business audience Tuesday that unemployment and weak export prices remain a problem in Canada, but he says the federal government won't be opening its wallet.

"Our government will not

engage in reckless new spending schemes that would lead to increased taxes or higher debt or both," Oliver said in a text of a prepared speech.

"We worked too hard to return to a balanced budget to throw it all away.

The International Monetary Fund dropped Canada down in its growth forecasts earlier this year, predicting the U.S. will experience the strongest economic growth among the G7 countries this

The IMF held to its prediction of a 2.2 per cent expansion for Canada, as the United Kingdom jumped into second spot behind the U.S.



Oliver said in his speech that he recognizes employment remains a concern for many Canadians.

But he said Ottawa's key response will be to keep taxes low and create a strong business climate.

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"We will not go down that well-trod path to economic decline."

Finance Minister Joe Oliver, on stimulating the economy with federal funds



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Local comedian excited to be a part of hometown festival

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The moment Andrew Evans first realized comedy could be a part of his life was while he was sitting in his junior high school's principal's office.

He says he wasn't a bad kid, he just happened to be

Sitting in the office as an eight grader, he says he had the principal and the viceprincipal laughing over his impression of old men and their obsessive love of cars.

He also realized they were laughing as his equals,

A few years before that, watching TV in his childhood home in Dartmouth, he recalls watching Laurel and Hardy, David Letterman, Arsenio Hall, and improv programs.

"As much as I enjoyed watching, I had this thing in the back of my head that said, 'I can do that,' or 'I can write a better joke than that, and that guy's on TV," Evans recalled with a chuckle on Tuesday.

"So I was this cocky 12-year-old kid that thought, 'I could do that.'

Evans has been honing

Andrew Evans is performing twice Saturday during Halifax Comedy-Fest. He takes the stage at the Lower Deck at 3 p.m. and at the Gala of Laughs Finale at Spatz Theatre at 7 p.m.

his craft for years, finding gigs in Toronto while he worked at a call centre.

Now he's returned to Halifax and makes a living hosting comedy shows at different venues. He's appreciative of the Halifax comedy scene.

"It's more supportive here. There's fewer people doing it, there's fewer opportunities for it here, but the talent is every bit as good if not better," said Evans, comparing the scenes in Halifax and Toronto.

Evans has based his acts around everyday life, with a particular interest in the way we use, and especially misuse, our language.

Now Evans has a spot on the roster of the upcoming Halifax ComedyFest, and he couldn't be happier.

"It's huge. It's really huge. There's three of us locally that get to be part of it, and 30 other comics that are world-class," he said. "It's a world-class festival, and to be able to say that you're a part of it, and in my hometown where I grew up, it's humbling."



Festival acts

Happy 19th birthday ComedyFest!

The Halifax ComedyFest is ringing in its 19th birthday this year, with its opening gala at Casino Nova Scotia on Wednesday night.

The popular festival runs through Saturday at various venues across the city.

"Believe it or not,

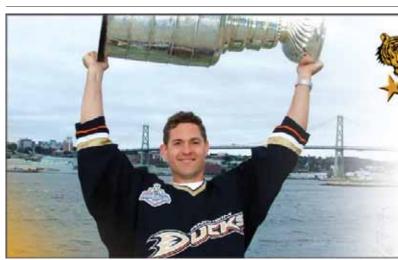
every year is different," said event producer Kim Hendrickson. "This festival is like a snowflake - none are ever the same.'

The lineup this year boasts 31 comedians and

The acts for this year's festival include Jeremy Hotz, Derek Edwards, Greg Morton, Deanne Smith, Cathy Jones, and Tim Nutt.

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Ballot Box Bandit acquitted in road sign case

Alexander MacKenzie.

64-year-old left the courtroom with his smiling supporters

A 64-year-old Pictou Landing man best known for a 2012 conviction for stealing an election ballot box in the 2011 federal election has been acquitted of mischief and breach of probation charges involving a damaged road sign.

Spectators and potential witnesses for the accused cheered and clapped Tuesday in Pictou provincial court when Judge Del Atwood told Alexander James MacKenzie he was free to go because the Crown failed to provide evidence that identified him as the accused in the case.

MacKenzie pleaded not guilty and represented himself on the charges relating to an alleged incident Sept. 14 on Pictou Landing Road.

Crown Attorney Bill Gorman called two witnesses: Pictou Landing First Nations Chief Andrea Paul and RCMP Const. Jason Green.

Paul testified she was driving to her home in Fisher's Grant, Pictou Landing First Nations, around 10 a.m. on Sept. 14 when she saw a white

truck parked beside the road. She said she slowed down to see if the person was involved in an accident or needed asistance when she spotted a man with ropes near a provincial road sign.

"I was going to ask if he needed help, thinking a car got ditched there, and realized it was Mr. MacKenzie, so I kept going," she said. She said she doesn't per-

She said she doesn't personally know MacKenzie, but knew he had grandchildren in the First Nations community. She also pointed to him in court sitting at the counsellor's table.

On Sept. 15, she said, she was reading comments from people on Facebook who were upset that the Pictou Landing road sign was removed and placed at the entrance to Boat Harbour.

She said she drove to Boat Harbour with a friend and pushed the damaged sign into a ditch because its location was upsetting her community.

"The sign was sitting there and a lot people were outraged," she said. "I saw it, knocked it down because Pictou Landing isn't in Boat Harbour."

Paul said she reported the incident to RCMP the next day and gave a statement to police.

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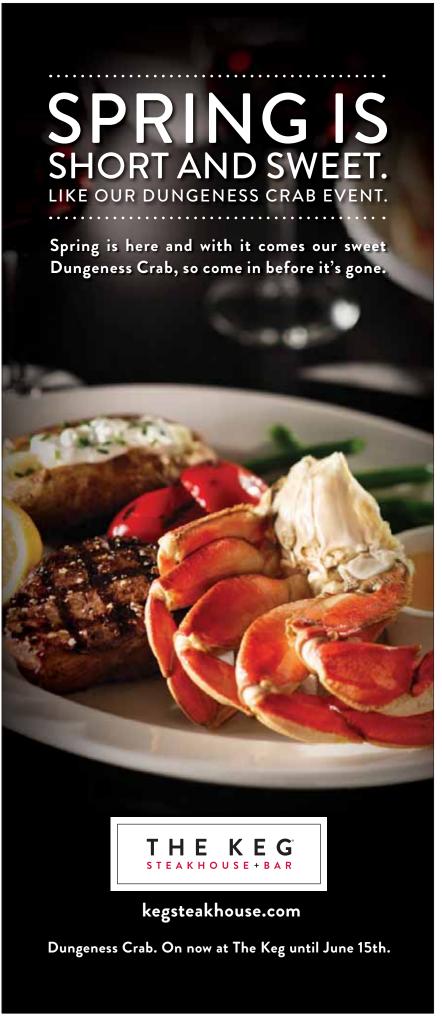
Alexander James MacKenzie was arrested for mischief by police, and when officers did a background check on prior convictions, it was noticed he was still on probation for his conviction that involved the theft of an election ballot box in New Glasgow.

After the Crown rested its case, Judge Del Atwood said he was concerned that the Crown did not properly identify MacKenzie as the accused.

"Ms. Paul gave very clear evidence that she didn't know Mr. MacKenzie before, never talked to him before and there is no evidence on how she knew him before. There was no physical description of Mr. MacKenzie provided so the identification is circumstantial under which the individual knows the accused," Atwood said.

After a brief recess, Atwood acquitted MacKenzie on both charges, but made it clear to the cheering crowd in the courtroom that the ruling doesn't mean that damaging roads signs is acceptable behaviour.

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Weapon scare shuts down mall

Cape Breton. Mayflower
Mall was locked down
and a man was arrested
— though the weapon
turned out to be a BB
qun, not a handqun

A man has been arrested in connection with an incident that resulted in the largest mall in eastern Nova Scotia being put on lockdown for nearly two hours Tuesday morning.

Cape Breton Regional Police responded to a report of a man with a medium-build, short dark hair wearing a grey hoodie, grey sweatpants and white baseball

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"One of my girls just told me the cops are walking around with guns, like, big guns, right now, probably checking it out to see how it is."

Angela Gracie, who works in the mall

hat carrying what appeared to be a handgun outside the Mayflower Mall in Sydney.

The call was made to police shortly before stores inside the mall were due to open at 10 a.m.

A suspect was arrested on Charlotte Street soon after the mall reopened at around 11:30 a.m.

The suspect remains in custody while police continue to investigate.

Charges are pending, a police release said. The weapon turned out to be a BB gun.

Patrol officers, investigators and members of the emergency response team cleared the building and surrounding area before determining it was safe to reopen.

"We had a quick response from our tactical team officers that are on patrol to come to the Hudson's Bay area of the Mayflower Mall just to do a preliminary investigation to see what we could learn," said Staff Sgt. Stephen MacKinnon of the Cape Breton Regional Police.

Charges pending in stabbing

Two people are facing charges after a teen was stabbed in a Nova Scotia town on Monday night.

Around 6:30 p.m., the RCMP say they were called to an incident on Water Street near the post office in Digby.

Police say a 17-year-old boy from Digby was stabbed in the side by an 18-year-old man

Known to each other

Police say the incident isn't random as the three people are known to one another.

A passerby took the victim to hospital where he remains with non-life-threatening injuries. The 18-year-old was arrested a short distance away from the stabbing and is due in court on Tuesday charged with assault with a weapon.

Another teen, a 17-yearold boy, was also arrested Tuesday morning in relation to the incident. He has been charged with assault with a weapon as well.

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Alice In Chains coming to town

Seattle rock legends Alice In Chains will be playing the Halifax Metro Centre this summer.

The group will be gracing the east coast as part of their North American tour, stopping at Casino New Brunswick on Aug. 26 and then in Halifax on Aug. 27.

Tickets for Halifax go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. through Ticket Atlantic.

Prices will range between \$49.25 and \$74.25, taxes included.

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Bed and Break-in

Homeowner found strangers having sex in their home

A homeowner in Nova Scotia arrived home last week to find a couple having sex on a bed and the smell of marijuana in the air.

The RCMP say they ar-

rested a man, age 23, of no fixed address, and a 17-yearold female, inside the home in Kingston last Wednesday around 2 p.m.

Police say the two broke into the home.

Travis Acker has been charged with unlawfully in a dwelling house, possession of a marijuana and four counts of breach of probation. He has been remanded

until his trial on May 12 in Kentville.

A 17-year-old, whose name is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is also charged with a single count of unlawfully in a dwelling house and has been released on a promise to appear in court on July 24.

Police say the parties involved are known to one another. Kentville reigster

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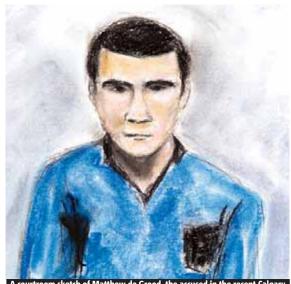
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De Grood set to undergo psychiatric evaluation



sketch of Matthew de Grood. the accused in the recent Calga

'Bizarre' case. Calgary man accused of stabbing five victims at a party faces charges of firstdegree murder

The father of a young man stabbed to death at a house party says his boy was the poster child for the kind of son every parent wants.

Bruce Rathwell told mourners at his son Zackariah's funeral Tuesday that the young man was athletic, artistic, loved music and spent years as a Boy Scout.

A display at the front of the Calgary chapel was a testament to the 21-year-old's interests and accomplishments. It included three guitars, a Boy Scouts uniform, rugby jersey, hockey equipment and skates.

Rathwell, a promising musician with the band Zackariah and the Prophets, was stabbed to death along with four others last week at a get-together to celebrate the end of classes.

Another party-goer, 22-yearold Matthew de Grood, is charged with five counts of first-degree murder. He appeared in court Tuesday and was ordered to undergo a 30day assessment to determine whether he is mentally fit to

stand trial.

De Grood, the son of a senior Calgary police officer, was wearing blue coveralls when he appeared in court earlier in the day via closed-circuit tele-

He could be seen leaning against a wall and touching his face, with cuts and scrapes from when the canine unit took him down during his ar-

The accused will return to court May 22. He will continue to be held at the Southern Alberta Forensic Psychiatry Centre, where he's been since his arrest. The Crown requested the assessment on the recommendation of a doctor who has been dealing with de Grood.

"The case has been adjourned for a period of 30 days to allow a psychiatrist to assess whether or not the accused is fit to stand trial," Crown prosecutor Stephanie Brown told reporters.

De Grood's lawyer, Allan Fay, said he's not ruling out a defence of not criminally responsible. "I'd be foolish to overlook any possibility, especially in a case that on its face is as bizarre as this," Fay said.

"We've never seen anything like it in Calgary, and one can't help but look at the case and consider what we know so far and how strange this whole thing is." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A third of adults suffered child abuse: Study

The data. It cannot prove cause and effect; it can only point to possible links

A new study says one in three adult Canadians suffered some form of child abuse in their past, adding this abuse is associated with a higher risk of mental-health disorders later in life.

The lead author of the study says it provides the first national look at the prevalence of child abuse experienced by Canadian adults.

Tracie Afifi of the University of Manitoba says previous estimates were based on a nearly 25-year-old study from Ontario and more recent data from Quebec.

The study is published today in the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

The authors studied data collected from more than 23,000 adults 18 and older who took part in Statistic Canada's 2012 Canadian Community

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"We found strong associations between child abuse and mental conditions."

Researchers of the study

Health Survey

Respondents were asked questions about whether they were hit or subjected to other forms of physical or sexual abuse in childhood, or whether they were exposed to violence between the adults in their homes.

Afifi says the questions didn't ask "Were you abused?" because studies have shown that some people who have been abused don't characterize their experiences as abuse.

Instead, the questions asked whether respondents were slapped on the face or head, spanked with a hard object, pushed, grabbed, shoved or had something thrown at them to hurt them. For both those questions, respondents were asked to say yes only if the behaviour had happened a minimum of three times.

Another question asked if respondents were kicked, bit, punched, choked, burned or physically attacked at least once.

One in three adults reported experiences that met the criteria for at least one of the types of abuse, with physical abuse the most common of the three; 26 per cent of respondents said they had experienced physical abuse.

Ten per cent of respondents said they had experienced sexual abuse and nearly eight per cent witnessed intimate partner violence. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Record breaking swimmer glides for Earth awareness

World-record breaking swimmer Ben Lecomte swims in the Strait of Georgia display at the Vancouver Aquarium on Tuesday. Lecomte visited the aquarium to raise awareness for Earth Day and the importance of protecting our waterways. Jonathan HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Maple Leaf Gardens.

Sex abuser pleads guilty to 100 charges

The man at the centre of the Maple Leaf Gardens sex abuse scandal pleaded guilty Tuesday to 100 charges involving 18 underage victims.

Gordon Stuckless, 65, entered the plea in a Toronto courtroom in relation to offences that took place decades ago. The charges include indecent assault, sexual assault and gross indecency and span from 1965 to 1985.

Stuckless pleaded not guilty to several charges, including

sexual assault with a weapon and buggery, and his lawyer Ari Goldkind said a trial on those charges is expected to get underway in the next couple of weeks.

Crown attorney Kelly Beale is expected to request a dangerous offender assessment for Stuckless, but Goldkind said his client, who's on a sex offender registry, continues his chemical castration therapy and has been living "a very law-abiding life." THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Heartbleed hacker.

'Curiosity got the better of him': Michael Calce

A 19-year-old man accused of siphoning some 900 social insurance numbers from the Canada Revenue Agency was likely motivated by curiosity, not malice, says one of the country's most notorious hackers.

"We love to throw around the term 'hacker,' but I don't think he's a hacker," said Michael Calce. "I think he's a computer science geek who heard about a critical bug and wanted to poke around. His curiosity got the better of him." Last week, the RCMP charged Stephen Arthuro Solis-Reyes of London, Ont., with one count of unauthorized use of a computer and one count of mischief. The Western University student is believed to have used the Heartbleed bug — a vulnerability in the OpenSSL software used to secure countless websites — to extract personal information from CRA servers. The media has already dubbed him "the Heartbleed hacker." LUKE SIMODE/METRO IN TORONTO



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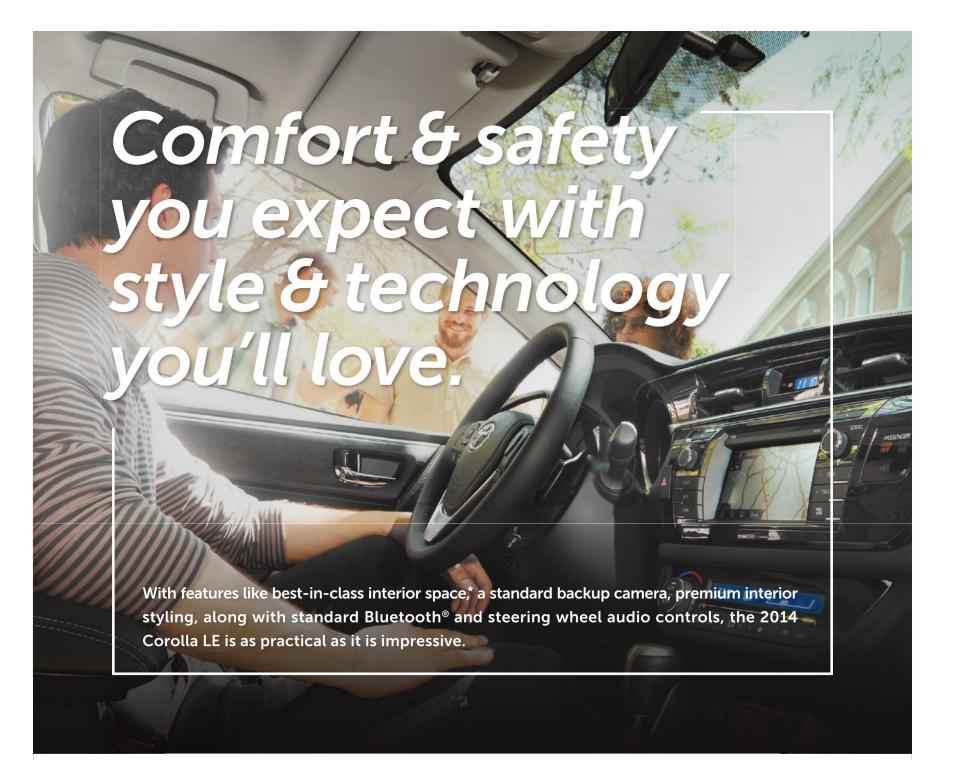
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Nationally, the research found that Metro continues to be popular with readers in Canada's largest cities and across various platforms including print, digital paper, website and news app.

"Metro Canada increased readership on a weekly basis by three per cent to more than 4 million readers — a first for us - which demonstrates how our unique content packages resonate against Metropolitans, our target market," said Bill Mc-Donald, President of Metro English Canada. METRO



Mickey D's feels the squeeze

McDonald's is fighting to hold on to customers in the U.S. The world's biggest burger chain said sales at established locations fell 1.7 per cent in the first three months of the year. After a decade of consistent growth, sales also declined last year as McDonald's struggled to roll out new menu items. PHOTO: CATE GILLON/GETTY IMAGES: STORY: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Challenge. Google asking non-profits to suggest ways of using Glass in their work

Google has a challenge for U.S. non-profits.

On Tuesday, the tech giant asked non-profit groups to propose ideas for how to use the Web-connected eyewear Google Glass in their work. Five charities that propose the best ideas by May 20 will get a free pair of the glasses, a trip to Google for training and a \$25,000 US grant to help make their project a reality.

Google has already been testing Glass with non-profits in their field work.

Conservationists Washington-based



Wildlife Fund have been using Google Glass for hands-free field research.

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Streaming contest

AT&T eyes YouTube, Netflix, Hulu's eyes

AT&T and an investment firm run by former News Corp. executive Peter Chernin have formed an online video venture that could rival Netflix

AT&T Inc. and Chernin Group said Tuesday that they have committed more than \$500 million US in funding toward the venture. They are not saying how much each company is investing.

With online video, AT&T could attract customers of Netflix, YouTube and other SEIVICES. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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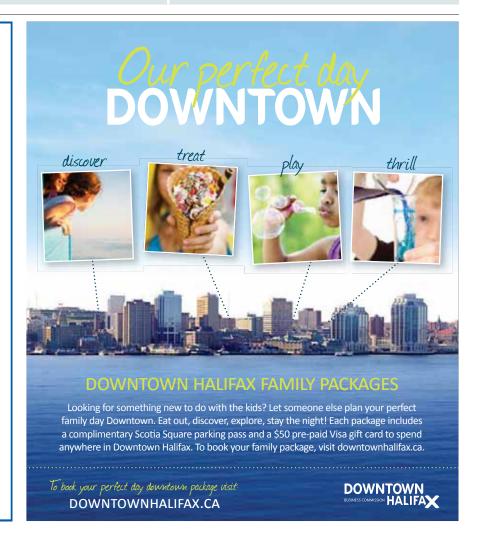
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ANOTHER TYPE OF FOODIE WEIGHS IN

There are foodies, those uncompromising gourmets who have "an ardent or refined interest in food and alcoholic beverages," according to the dictionary.

Then there are the rest of us, who also have an ardent interest in food and alcoholic beverages, but there's nothing refined about

This column is for you. Business Insider has done one of those unscientific readers' choice surveys and on the strength of 2,200 responses, has determined the Best Fast Food in Âmerica. We can take that to include the rest of North America, because most of these epicurean delights do not require a run to the

They may require a run to the bathroom, if you insist on testing the winners, but that's another story.

So, apart from the fact that Tim Hortons barely makes the list, the rest of it is as commonplace in Canada as potholes in



Paul Sullivan

springtime.

What's really great about this is that everyone can play. In fact, participating is probably as impossible to resist as McDon-

The No. 1 burger is Wendy's with its characteristic square, never-frozen patty. I don't know about you, but to me a square patty ain't natural. Nonetheless, Dave's Hot 'N Juicy outdistanced the Burger King Whopper and McDonald's Big Mac by a healthy margin (34 per cent to 26 per cent and 24 per cent, respectively). Or should I say unhealthy?

Best pizza honours go to Papa John's, who squeaked by Pizza Hut and Domino's (34 per cent to 31 per cent and 29 per cent). Little

Caesars was a distant fourth. Whatever. Does it get there in under half an hour?

No surprise here: McDonald's had the best fries by a wide margin (57 per cent), which roughly equals the percentage of North Americans raised on them from infancy.

Best fried chicken is KFC at 36 per cent. I haven't ordered a bucket for 20 years, but that doesn't stop me from going, "Maybe I should just stop and get a bucket" every time I go past the local Colonel's dispensary, which is just about every day. This stuff gets into your blood ... in more ways than one.

Subway is a double winner, with best sub (37 per cent) and healthiest choice (also 37 per cent), which is hardly a distinction considering the competition. About the only thing you can order at a fast food joint that's actually good for you is a glass of water.

Finally, there's coffee, the universal solvent. At 49 per cent, Starbucks wins hands down. The next closest was Dunkin' Donuts at 27 per cent. This is the only place on the poll where Tim Hortons appeared, with eight per cent, just behind McDonald's. Coffee seems like the last thing you'd order at McDonald's, but despite (or perhaps because of) those expectations, it's never as bad as you think.

And that's pretty much the last word. Or maybe five little last words: "You want fries with that?"

Bee my pollinator



Depleting numbers threaten food supply

Wash. dean fosdick/the associated press

Bees are pulling a disappearing act. Honeybees are vanishing from their hives. Bumblebee numbers have crashed so radically that some species are believed extinct. Even native solitary bees are in decline. Food supplies dependent upon pollinators are threatened.

There is no sinale explanation for what is causing the pollinator losses, said Matt O'Neal, an associate professor of entomology at Iowa State University. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Common species are disappearing at a dramatic rate ... I worry in particular about pollinator species with limited ranges and that have unique habitat requirements that are being threatened. A lot of species are dropping out of the landscape."

Mace Vaughan, pollinator program director with The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation in Portland, Ore.

How gardeners can help

- Plant flowers and create green spaces, especially in urban areas. Leave patches of bare soil. rocks and brush piles for use by ground-dwelling native bees.
- Install bee hotels around the yard by drilling holes in wood blocks and creating bamboo bundles
- Eliminate or change pesticide usage.

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When parachuting on skis gets tiring



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On the same day I learned about the existence of an adrenalinejunkie hobby called speed riding - which is pretty much hurtling through the air while attached to a small parachute and a pair of skis - I also learned that it's not nearly adrenalized enough for one rider.

So what does your average daredevil do when the passion for boring, bland and familiar speed riding is extinguished. Why, you speed ride/grind your way down a chairlift cable. Naturally.

(Via Valentin Delluc on Vimeo)





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Turning up the cheat on trysts

Cautionary tales.

From 1960's 'dirty' rendezvous at The Apartment to a Fatal Attraction cooking your rabbit, infidelity boils over on film



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In the new movie The Other Woman, Mark King (Game of Thrones's Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) tries to push infidelity to Tiger Woodsian heights by cheating on his wife (Leslie Mann) with multiple mistresses, including Carly and Amber (Cameron Diaz and Kate Upton). "We got played by the same guy," says Carly.

"Getting played" in Hollywood movies dates back further than the invention of the Ashley Madison website.

In 1960, the Jack Lemmon movie The Apartment tackled the subject of adultery. The film, about a lonely insurance company lackey who allows his bosses to use his apartment as a trysting spot in hopes that they will promote him, was a big hit, but also a controversial one. The Saturday Review called it "a dirty fairy tale" and co-star Fred McMurray says a woman on the street hit him with her purse, taking him to task for making "a dirty, filthy movie".

In 2005's Derailed, Clive



Owen stars as a married man who hooks up with Lucinda (Jennifer Aniston) after meeting her on a commuter train. In a hormone-induced rush, they decide to consummate their illicit affair at a seedy hotel, only to be interrupted by a burglar

who robs them and sexually assaults Lucinda. Things spiral out of control as the robber blackmails the couple and seems to have an unquenchable thirst for Owen's money.

The most famous infidelity movie has to be 1987's Fatal Attraction. It begins with Michael "I'm a married man!" Douglas having a fling with Glenn "I'm not gonna be ignored!" Close. When he tries to break off their affair, she becomes a lesson in why not to cheat on your wife.

The film's most famous

clip, the rabbit boiling on the stove, even inspired a phrase in the Urban Dictionary. According to the website, cook your rabbit "refers to the moment when someone goes over the edge in their obsession with another person."

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Who's the unfairest of them all? Ice road trucker plunders Snow White

As reality star misbehaviour goes, the Duck Dynasty crew are starting to look pretty good about now. At least they leave prostitutes where they found them.

Ice Road Truckers star Tim Zickuhr has no such social graces. According to TMZ, Zickuhr has been charged with an array of crimes after allegedly kidnapping and imprisoning a Las Vegas prostitute named Snow White. Snow White told police that Zickuhr gave her his debit card and told her to withdraw her fee. He then claimed she'd taken out more than agreed. When they met to work out

their financial dispute, Snow White says Zickuhr tied her up with backpack straps, locked her in a closet, and punched her and poured cold water on her. Zickuhr then told her to call someone who could bring him the money, but she instead called a police officer.

When the police officer arrived, Zickuhr apparently confessed the whole thing. As a final stroke of elegance, he forced Snow White to exit his apartment through a second story window. Zickuhr was arrested and charged with first-degree kidnapping, extortion, and coercion.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Jay-Zholds Kim and Kanye's wedding at Bey

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

What could go wrong with Kim and Kanye's wedding? They both adore big splashy events, they seem really in love, and they have enough money that no one ever needs to end up sobbing in a strip mall parking lot because they can only afford pink hyďrangeas, not fuchsia ones. (I was a bridesmaid a bunch of times.) However, there are some headaches of wedding planning that no amount of money can eliminate,



such as guest list drama. Case in point: Will Beyoncé and Jay-Z show up for the ceremony?

Rumour has it that Jay and Bey are planning to skip the nuptials, which will take place in France. According to the Daily Mail, they don't intend it as a snub — they just have no interest in appearing on Keeping Up With the Kardashians, and cameras will be unavoidable (which, given that the show is Kim's whole raison d'etre, does sound a little like a snub).

Jay-Z reportedly plans to make it up to his old pal Kanye in a big way: Since he won't be at the ceremony, not only is he planning a bachelor party for the ages, but he also plans to spend more than \$100,000 to rent a yacht for the couple's honeymoon.

Good plan, guys. I have experience with this sort of thing. When my great-aunt couldn't make it to my bat mitzvah she sent me a \$20 savings bond, which is sort of the same.



Uma ... Arki. Arki ... Uma. Have you kids met each other?

Uma Thurman has reportedly called off her engagement to multimillionaire hedge fund boss Arki Busson, the second time she has done so since the couple began dating in 2007, according to the Daily Mail. "Uma and Arki were due to attend a gala together on April 8, but Uma showed up without her engagement ring or her fiancé. Arki was scheduled to attend, and it seemed clear there was only one reason why he didn't show - because he and Uma are no longer an item," a source says.



Looking for sun and fun? Then head to San Juan

Puerto Rico. There's more than just beaches and poolside drinks to enjoy — try heading off the resort for an authentic experience



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While standing on your balcony at the San Juan Marriott Resort staring out at the vast Atlantic, you'll find it hard not to be enchanted, romanced and lulled by the ocean's heartbeat.

The crash of surf on sand is hypnotizing.

The Marriott in San Juan offers guests a prestigious beachfront address in bustling Condado neighbourhood where bronzed bombshells can be found sprawled across golden sand or lazing on lounge chairs by one of the hotel's two turquoise pools.

And while year-round sun and sandy beaches are understandably the biggest draw, you'll find plenty of opportunity for an authentic Puerto Rican adventure via a long list of excursions available at the hotel's always-bustling concierge

In 2013, the hotel up-



dated its 511 rooms and 14 suites, which now offer guests a refreshed Caribbean elegance that caters to the city's cosmopolitan dynamic.

Looking to treat your-Shopaholics spoiled for choice as the hotel is located on tree-lined Avenida Ashford, a hip strip that Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Cartier all like to call

After pounding the pavement, relax at Ocean Club Spa where a selection of



scrubs, wraps, facials and massage offer rejuvenation. afternoon but don't want to

Feeling peckish in the

Your best bet is a pinacolada-sloshed lunch at La Isla Beach Bar where crispy coconut shrimp and smoky chicken wings offer serious satiation.

If you're in town on the weekend, be sure to stop by the Red Coral Lounge at night for "Salsa and Sushi," where each evening the kitchen serves up fusion sushi offerings (traditional churrasco, creamy avocado, sweet plantain) while a live band adds a festive energy to the dance floor.

Salsa yourself silly, then quench your thirst while celebrating local flavours with an ice cold bottle of Medalla Light or a classic mojito spiked with Bacardi

Looking to explore Puerto Rico's top attractions?

Start your adventure with a rum-filled afternoon at Casa Bacardi, aptly titled The Cathedral of Rum.

It feels a bit like 'Disney Does a Distillery,' as guests are whisked around the property on Bacardi-bat-embossed limo golf carts.

Discover the beauty of ancient architecture and vibrant natural wonders while first strolling back in time through Spanish colonial Old San Juan.

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There's a cooler way to show your love for NYC than by wearing one of those "I heart NY" shirts.

The following four books are not only a fun read, they're also great conversation starters; your friends won't be able to resist picking them up off your coffee table. And you'll probably learn a few things for your next visit to the Big Apple.

I Never Knew That About New York by Christopher Winn

Even bona fide New Yorkers find it impossible to know everything about their city. But with this book you'll impress your friends with your trivia knowledge. Let I Never Knew That About New York help you claim some glory on your next visit.

Christopher Winn takes you through the history of all the monuments around town in a mix of text and original black-and-white drawings. Did you know that the Statue of Liberty is









CHRISTOPHER WINN

York, where we meet all sorts of city canines.

The book also includes funny quotes and short stories about some very special dogs and their owners.

New York Bike Style by Sam Polcer, David Byrne and Casey Neistat

New York might be all about the taxis and the subway, but it's easier to spot a stylish person when they're riding a bike. The book takes us through all five boroughs of the city giving us pictures of everything from vintage bikes to BMXs. A fun detail

is that the name of every person photographed and where they are headed on their bike is included with every photo.

NYC Basic Tips and Etiquette by Nathan W. Pyle

This is one especially for the visitors hoping to decode some of those unspoken New York rules. New York has its list of idiosyncrasies that don't apply anywhere else.

This books guides you through 136 tips with funny drawings that will make life in the city a little easier for you and for everyone around you.

Check out No. 80: "Close the door quickly or everyone in the restaurant will hate you."

With this past freezing winter, we agree!



actually called Liberty En-

The not-so-fun part about New York is all the dog droppings on the side-walks. What is this, Paris? Fortunately you don't have to worry about that in this cute book. Rachael Hale McKenna's stunning photos take us all around New











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Space: The final frontier

Even at \$250,000 US a pop, seats are selling for the soon-to-liftoff Virgin Galactic trips to space. Approximately 530 people have already signed up, now that space travel has been made so affordable! Travellers get three days of training in New Mexico at Spaceport America before heading 50,000 feet into sub orbit at almost 4,800 km/h. Not only do you experience zero gravity and have a chance to look down on all the rest of us, you also get to rub elbows with airline co-owner Richard Branson. Virgin has already enlisted the help of more than 100 space agents, but you can simply visit virgingalactic. com. Doug Wallace/METRO

Finding the good in Alberta's badlands

Summer trip. Just a little south and east of Calgary, try your hand at being a dinosaur bone hunter



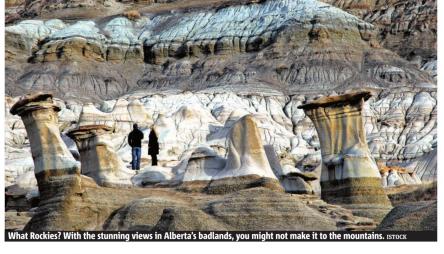
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Heading to Alberta this summer?

The Rockies are amazing, but don't skip the Canadian Badlands. This large area east and southeast of Calgary offers a variety of sites and activities that are too good to be missed.

Dinosaur Provincial Park is a UNESCO world heritage site that is home to 40 species of dinosaurs.

Surrounded by hoodoos and unearthly scenery, go on a guided tour or be part of a dig. Would-be paleontologists are given a toolkit that includes an awl, a paintbrush, a hammer, and a dental pick



for the more delicate work.

I barely had my hands dirty last summer at Bone Bed 30 before I realized I was staring at actual fossilized dinosaur bones.

It is impossible not to find a fossil, whether it's a small piece of tendon or the edge of giant femur; the natural history is everywhere. Remember as part of your planning that Dinosaur Provincial Park and the betterknown Royal Tyrrell Museum are not the same place and are actually two hours' drive apart. Pre-book your tour or dig in advance.

If arts and crafts are more your speed, head to Medicine Hat and check out the former Medalta clay factory, now a national historic district.

The iconic beehive kilns of the former factory can still be toured. A highlight is the surprisingly cool museum, which chronicles the history of the factory.

My favourite displays are the china collection used by Canadian Pacific hotels during the golden age of travel and the line of dinnerware created for Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie. The Yuill Family Gallery showcases rotating exhibits, including creations from Medalta's artist in residence program.

The town of Elkwater is the entry point into Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park. Straddling the border of Alberta and Saskatchewan, it is the only interprovincial park in Canada.

In addition to the expected variety of hiking trails, the park includes Elkwater Lake, which provides a perfect spot for all varieties of water sports.

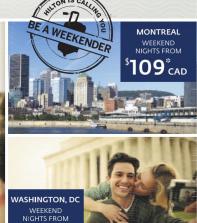
I got a lesson on canoeing while I was there from the park staff. Camp or spend the night at a lodge in Elkwater if sleeping on the ground is not your thing. The park is also one of a growing number of places across the country that has a Dark Sky Preserve.

For stargazers out there, the lack of light pollution makes for some amazing night sky viewing.

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Five things to know about pursuing work in the insurance industry

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Before you start a career, it's important to find out all the key details you can about the field you're interested in.

While you'll learn a lot hands-on, a little bit of research can go a long way in preparing you for the perks and challenges of a particular career. The following five attributes of the insurance industry can help you get started.

It's inclusive

One of the great things about pursuing a career in the insurance industry is that you don't have to have a specific educational background or set of work experiences.

While there are many insurance diploma programs, certifications and specializations that can offer you a distinct advantage, you can hatch a great career in insurance without necessarily having a background in it.

Many top insurance companies assess potential hires based on their knowledge, skills and previous work experience as they relate to current needs. Šince insurance is involved in so many different aspects of our lives, that previous knowledge and experience can come from many different areas: cars, business, medicine, the law and infrastructure are all excellent examples.

Employers in insurance recognize that some additional training and education is required to ensure you can excel in your insurance career and to round out your know-



ledge. Often, the cost for this training will be picked up by your employer.

Insurance is also inclusive from a demographic perspective, with 63 per cent of industry professionals being women, and 14 per cent identifying as a visible minority compared with 17 per cent in the general Canadian labour

It's exciting

Many people see working in insurance as a nine-to-five desk job that involves working in isolation.

Nothing could be further from the truth. While many roles do have an element of independence, an insurance career often calls for frequent client interaction, teamwork, networking and professional stewardship.

These activities not only provide variety, they also provide a well-rounded set of experiences that can help you find a role or set of responsibilities that match how you

The roles are highly varied

Besides a range of different responsibilities, opportunities for career specialization abound in insurance.

Whether you are a number cruncher, like working with people, can spot trouble before it happens, or enjoy research and analysis, there is likely a role for you.

Job opportunities include: claims representative, underwriter, insurance adviser and more. These positions include tasks such as developing strategies and putting policies into place for your clients, understanding the goals and risk tolerance of your clients and being an independent and collaborative worker to meet personal and team

You can specialize in insurance

There are lots of college and university programs, specializations, designations, and certifications out there to give your education an edge

in the insurance field, or specialize your skills to a particular insurance career path.

The same goes for specializing within the industry; as your career evolves, you may have the opportunity to develop niche expertise focusing on one area of the sector.

These areas can be as

specific as fine wine collections, cyber liability, directors and officers insurance (for corporations, not-for-profits and other groups), or even sports and entertainment in-

surance. Essentially, you can build on your education and experience to take you exactly

Since the insurance industry welcomes candidates from a diverse range of backgrounds, there's a heavy emphasis on training and development, both in terms of onboarding and continual learning.

 Career development programs and trainee programs are popular training formats for insurance companies to offer new hires. These training programs are designed to get you up to speed, whether you're taking your first step in the industry or moving into a more senior role.

where you want to go.

Even if you aren't sure where your interests lie just yet, it's great to know that you can specialize in your chosen field if you want to.

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A hit of heat to marry with fresh grapefruit enhances the curry and rounds out the flavour of the dish



Love shrimp? I certainly do. With its versatility and fast cooking methods, you can have a quick easy meal.

Always look for shrimp when they're on sale and pick up a couple of bags. They freeze well and are great for a quick stir-fry, on the grill or for a last-minute appetizer. Shrimp is a great protein



From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

when you want to think a bit outside the box and try new flavour combinations, and visit different countries while doing it.

This recipe, which I developed for the Florida Department of Citrus, uses a hit of spicy curry to marry with fresh grapefruit, which enhances the curry and rounds out the flavour of the Thai-inspired dish. It is easy to make and sings out with a sweet, tangy, spicy and creamy combo.

1. In a skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook shallot and garlic for 2 minutes. Stir in curry paste and chili pep-



- 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced • 1 tbsp (15 ml) Thai green curry
- 1 small Thai chili pepper, seeded and sliced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated grapefruit
- rind
 1/3 cup (75 ml) ruby red grapefruit juice
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) coconut milk
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) fish sauce
- 1 lb (454 g) large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cornstarch
- 1 tsp (5 ml) water
- 1 ruby red grapefruit, peeled and segmented
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh cilantro or mint

per; cook for 1 minute. Add grapefruit rind and juice, coconut milk and fish sauce; bring

2. Add shrimp and cook, stirring for 4 minutes or until firm and cooked through.

3. In a small bowl, whisk together the cornstarch and water. Stir it into the shrimp mixture along with

grapefruit segments and cilantro. Spoon Thai Grapefruit Curry over rice to

Side. Tomato and Shrimp Tortas

1. Remove tails from shrimp. In large bowl, toss shrimp with oil, coriander, garlic and pap-

- 1 lb (454 g) large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh coriander
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) smoked paprika
- 4 fresh ripe plum tomatoes. chopped
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter • 1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lime rind
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lime juice
- 4 rosemary and thyme
- savoury olive oil tortas • 1/4 cup (60 ml) shredded Manchego cheese



rika. Let stand for 10 minutes.

2. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium high heat and add tomatoes. Cook, stirring for about 2 minutes or until tomatoes start to soften. Add shrimp mixture and stir to combine. Cook for about 5 minutes or

until shrimp is pink and firm. Stir in butter, lime rind and juice until butter is melted and remove from heat.

3. Divide mixture among tortas and sprinkle each with cheese to serve.

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Dust the rust off your swing

Golf fitness. Take it slow when you prepare to hit the links again after a long Canadian winter

BRIAN KENDALL

After a long Canadian winter, golfers are naturally eager to get their season started. But

proceed with caution.

"It's important to let your body get used to swinging a club again," said Ted Stonehouse, the director of golf and head professional at Clovelly Golf Course in St. John's, N.L. "You'll avoid back troubles and other aches by taking smooth and easy swings at the golf range for a couple of days before playing."

Even before your first swing, check your equipment. Do your soft spikes need replacing? Do your clubs need to be re-gripped? New grips at the start of the season help golfers avoid the potentially disastrous habit of gripping the club too tightly and over-swinging.

Just as essential is practice time on the putting green. After a long layoff, your feel for the short game, especially putting, usually suffers the most.

Finally, it's time for a lesson or two with your local

golf pro

"Lessons are the key to a successful season," Stone-house said. "A lot of pros offer two-day spring tuneup sessions that reintroduce even longtime golfers to the basics — grip, posture, swing fundamentals and so on. Get those right and you're almost certain to play the best golf of your life."

Drive home a winning tournament

Are you dreaming of hitting a golf course? Or perhaps you are joining the countless Canadian companies, organizations, charities, and other groups that are planning their annual golf tournament?

Such events are a valuable way to entertain customers, thank employees, or raise funds for your group. And while there are many details to arrange, organizing it doesn't have to be onerous.

Experts recommend you cover the basics first: Picking the right date and a course that is suitable for your group. The earlier you do this, the better, as you will get a wider selection of dates and courses.

Ensuring your guests are well fed and hydrated is another priority. In the heat of summer, a good supply of food and non-alcoholic beverages will ensure your participants enjoy a healthy and safe round.

What about prizes? The excitement of winning something is always a big draw, so contact local businesses, suppliers, partners and friends for prize donations.

You could offer holein-one prizes such as a car, a boat, trips, or cash. "Adding big prizes to your golf tournament doesn't have to be an expensive or worrisome endeavour," says Andrea Martin, a senior underwriting manager with Wayfarer Insurance. 'You can get inexpensive insurance coverage that will pay for the prize in the event that a golfer hits an ace." NEWS CANADA



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GOLFest. Halifax scores the national spotlight

Is it any wonder Nova Scotia is being hailed as Canada's hottest golf destination?

From June 29 to July 6, Halifax will grab the national spotlight by staging GOLFest Nova Scotia, a celebration of the game featuring an 18-hole exhibition called the Canada Cup, pitting Canadian standouts Graham DeLaet, Mike Weir and David Hearn against PGA Tour stars Matt Kuchar, Gary Woodland and Trevor Immelman.

GOLFest's lineup includes the Nova Scotia Open, the first Web.com Tour event played on Canadian soil in 10 years, and the Junior Canada Cup, a showcase for junior players from across Canada.

Hosted by the New Course at Ashburn Golf Club in Windsor Junction, GOLFest



is a production of SportBox Entertainment Group in partnership with the city of Hali-

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fax, the Atlantic Golf Organization and the PGA Tour.

Nova Scotia has been the talk of Canadian golf since the 2012 opening of Cabot Links, Canada's first true links course and one of only five in North America. The Cape Breton beauty was recently ranked No. 42 in Golf Digest's listing of the world's top 100 courses, an extraordinary achievement for a course just two years old.

And venerable Highlands Links, the Stanley Thompsondesigned masterwork that has anchored golf in Cape Breton and the Maritimes for more than 70 years, has lately earned rave reviews for its meticulous restoration by Canadian architect Ian Andrew.

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Alberta Jasper Park Lodge

opened in 1926.

Golf Course One masterful mountain valley hole flows into the next at a Stanley Thompson-designed course that startled the world with the brilliance of its design - and made its archi-

tect's reputation - when it

Stewart Creek Golf and Country Club

Calgary-based architect Gary Browning treats golfers to a roller-coaster thrill ride at a course set in the shadow of the Three Sisters, a spectacular three-peak massif in the Rundle Range.

Banff Springs Golf Course Thompson's Banff Springs course, the first anywhere to cost more than \$1 million, has long been included in virtually every ranking of the game's leading layouts, and its most celebrated hole, the par-3 Devil's Cauldron, numbers among the most photographed in golf.

British Columbia

Big Sky Golf and Country Club

Mount Currie looms like a granite god over a links-style course built by American architect Bob Cupp on the flatlands of a former potato

Chateau Whistler Golf Club

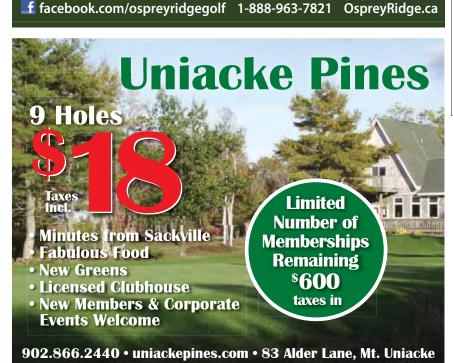
Wild elevation changes are the hallmark of a design by Robert Trent Jones Jr. that rolls with the natural contours of the landscape at the base of Blackcomb Mountain.

Greywolf Golf Course

Canadian architect Carrick's drama-filled layout features 500 feet of elevation change, as well as the aptly named Cliffhanger, one of Canada's most unforgettable

The Ridge at Predator **Ridge Resort**

Doug Carrick's award-winning course climbs rapidly into the foothills of the Monashee Range, offering cliff-top tee shots and views of Lake Okanagan far below.





GOLF GUIDE

Gems across the country

Unsung courses. Great golf and the thrill of discovery await players from coast to coast

BRIAN KENDALL

Of Canada's nearly 2,100 public courses, only about 25 enjoy national renown. Yet, throughout our wildly varied golf landscape, there are courses just as gorgeous and brilliantly designed that go largely overlooked.

Great golf — and the thrill of discovery — await at the courses described here.

The Pines Golf Course, Nova Scotia

A Stanley Thompson-designed seaside jewel in the town of Digby, The Pines is a classic parkland layout with tight fairways and small, subtly undulating greens open at the front.

Twin Rivers Golf Course, Newfoundland

Canadian architects Robbie Robinson and Doug Carrick combined their talents at a thrillingly natural course in Terra Nova National Park that skirts the Atlantic Ocean before winding through a coniferous forest.

Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu Golf Club, Quebec

Spectacularly situated on cliffs overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence River, 140 kilometres east of Quebec City, this 27-hole facility includes nine superb new holes.

The Links at Quarry Oaks, Manitoba

One of the most eclectic golf properties in Canada, The

There are many golf courses around the country that are often overlooked. SHUTTERSYCCK

Links at Quarry Oaks, 60 kilometres southeast of Winnipeg, presents golfers with a choice of three nine-hole courses, featuring everything from forests and an abandoned quarry to waste

areas and gravel ridges.

Deer Valley Golf and Estates, Saskatchewan

Opened in 2001, Deer Valley rolls seamlessly through the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley, just north of Regina, offering no tricks or gimmicks, just pure Prairie golf.

Canmore Golf and Curling Club, Alberta Alpine vistas, a meandering

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SHOP FOR THE BEST

The good news for consumers is that the travel rewards industry is very competitive today and, as a result, banks and credit card companies have upped their travel programs and offerings to try to attract more cardholders, says Patrick Sojka, founder of Rewards Canada, an organization that tracks the various cards.

"The biggest trend on the credit card



side is the waiving of the first year's annual fee," Sojka says. "So, basically, it's a free trial.

"If you keep the card after one year you will likely be charged the annual fee. However, with the way things are, you may be able to negotiate for a longer free period."

On the credit card side, the big trend is the addition of more benefits.

"Most cards are maxed out on what they can offer in terms of rewards and earning points for air miles," Sojka says. "But look for fabulous travel benefits."

Here is a quick list of what to look for:

- Travel perks such as airport lounge access and concierge services.
- A wide range of insurance benefits including travel emergency medical, trip interruption and cancellation, lost luggage, rental car collision/loss damage and hotel burglary insurance.
- · Less blackout periods when you book travel on points. "We know that Canadians want to earn points faster and redeem them often without the aggravation of blackout periods and high fees," says Jennifer Douglas, Scotiabank vicepresident of credit cards.
- Different ways to redeem points. Scotiabank experts also point to additional benefits such as gift cards, merchandise charities and investment and credits to redeem from.
- Exclusive hotel programs. Some cards partner with hotels to offer room upgrades and dining and beverage credits. But the more benefits like this, the higher the annual fee in general.
- · No redemption deadlines.



FINDING THE BEST VALUE

If you are like most Canadians, you carry a stack of loyalty cards in your wallet. You might have an Air Miles, a Shoppers Optimum, and maybe a Cineplex Scene card. Perhaps a wad of that funny Canadian Tire money is stuffed in there, too.

Loyalty programs have edged into almost every industry, from banking and travel, to entertainment and retail. Repeat card users earn points, discounts and other perks

The Shoppers Drug Mart Optimum card is among the most popular. Some 10 million Canadians carry this card, says Tammy Smitham, vice-president, communications.

Another card — Scene — is quickly gaining attention, too. Now with 5.6 million cardholders, the program is growing "beyond the expectations" of its co-part-

ners, Cineplex and Scotiabank, says Shawn Bloom, Scene general manager.

The idea is to use financial incentives to get customers to build a shopping history with the same store. For example, with an Optimum card, you get 10 points for every dollar spent and can redeem these points on most of the 25,000 in-store products, Smitham says.

With a Scene card, you get 10 per cent off concession purchases and off admission on Tuesdays, and collect 100 points for admission to every adult movie.

"So every 10th movie will be free; it's very good value," Bloom says.

At Canadian Tire, the country's oldest loyalty plan, you get 40 cents in "money" for every \$100 spent. Now customers can get their "money" electronically as well

as in paper form, giving them "the best of both worlds," says Shawn Stewart, associate vice-president, loyalty.

Increasingly, businesses are teaming up to extend card savings. You can now use Optimum points on fashion and decor items at the Beyond The Rack online store, Smitham says. Scene members can redeem points at Swiss Chalet, Harvey's and other restaurants, and, through the current promotional program with Indigo, earn points by buying certain books that have been or will be made into a movie, Bloom says.

Banks are also getting into the loyalty action. The Royal Bank, for example, has partnered with Shoppers to offer an RBC Optimum MasterCard or debit card that can be used to collect points at retail outlets other than Shoppers across the country.



When it comes to belonging to a loyalty program, knowing what you want to do with the points is one way to narrow down what's appropriate for you, says Patrick Sojka, founder of Rewards Canada.

Here are other considerations:

- · Be clear about what you want to be rewarded with - air miles, cash back, or merchandise.
- Keep your shopping habits in mind and be strategic. What's most important is that you are loyal to programs so you accumulate points. Plus, "splitting points

amongst several cards will delay the time it takes to redemption," Sojka says.

- Be sure you understand exactly how you earn and redeem points on cards including expiring policies for programs that issue miles or points.
- Keep in mind that the more flexible in terms of what the reward is, the lower the rewards rate will be in general.
- · Get an Aeroplan or Air Miles card regardless, Sojka says. There are so many places where you can earn these points and so many options for redeeming them (travel, merchandise, gift cards).

FASTER REWARDS

SPRING CLEAN YOUR WALLET AND FIND THE PROGRAM THAT **WORKS FOR YOU**

Regularly reassessing loyalty program membership makes sense beyond just reducing the plastic you carry. That's because choosing the right loyalty program for you could get you to the reward you want faster.

Selecting a program from the many options on the market has traditionally been the challenging part.

Luckily, there is a free online tool to help you assess available programs in a way that levels the playing field so you can research and more easily find the program that might have the shortest "time to reward" — compareloyaltyprograms.ca.

Starting with your end goal in mind, decide what reward for which you are looking. Whether you want to earn points or miles for flights, merchandise or cash back, each program offers its own set of advantages.

"Know yourself — and your goals," say Susan Misner and Laura McDonald, founders of Golden Girl Finance, a site offering financial education in a modern, engaging way to encourage everyone to play a more



active role in their finances. "Loyalty programs can make up an important part of your overall finances so you'll be rewarded for all of the research you do looking into the right program. Just be smart about where you get your information from using a tool, such as compareloyaltyprograms.ca, gives you an apples-to-apples look at the most popular programs."

With all of the information out there, it can still be hard to narrow down which programs may be right for you. Focusing on dividend (i.e., how much a point or mile is worth) may not be the best way to

Golden Girl Finance offer tips to help

consumers discover their best loyalty

The best place to start when it comes to

assessing whether your current loyalty

program is working for you - or decid-

ing which one to sign up for — is what

reward for which you are ultimately sav-

ing to redeem. Check out compareloyal-

typrograms.ca to cross-compare the top

loyalty programs in Canada.

decide which loyalty program can help you get to your rewards sooner. Compareloyaltyprograms.ca is powered by research from Environics Research Group and features the top 23 loyalty programs and affiliated credit cards in Canada, including many offerings new to the market this year. By answering a few simple questions on desired rewards (flight, merchandise or cash back) and spending habits (such as the types of stores where you spend the most), the tool suggests programs that may get you to your chosen reward faster.

Once you know what reward you

want, it is important to assess how, where and how much you spend each month to understand which programs might benefit

"Spending habits and reward preferences are unique to each household, but comparative tools and resources may not be clear about how they compare different programs," say Misner and McDonald. "With compareloyaltyprograms.ca, consumers can enter their own monthly spending figures to get an accurate assessment of programs based on their own individual personal spending patterns."



program matches:

KNOW WHAT YOU WANT

THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU SHOP Research by Environics Research Group has shown that, on average, double-dipping using a base program card matched with an affiliated credit card greatly reduces "time to reward," no matter the reward you are after. The research has also shown that coalition programs, where there are numerous partner stores to earn miles or points at provide faster time to flight rewards, on average.

LOYALTY PROGRAMS SHOULD SUIT YOUR STYLE

STAY TUNED-IN TO YOUR PROGRAM

Some rewards programs do a great job of keeping members in the loop with program news via social media or flyers so they can plan their spending to take advantage of offers. Consider using a credit card at partner retailers for your chosen program (double-dipping) and

streamlining earning into just one or two key programs.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

The decision is up to you, so spend a bit of time researching to decide for yourself which program is the most rewarding. Be sure to watch out for high annual fees on associated credit cards that can overshadow the benefits of the loyalty program.

Commissioned by COLLOQUY, a LoyaltyOne Research Group, Environics Research Group developed a methodology and online comparison tool that allows consumers to determine which rewards programs get them to the rewards they want as quickly as possible, based on their individual shopping patterns, program features and attributes. COLLOQUY has also provided financial compensation to Golden Girl Finance for promotion of the research and online tool.

SPORTS

'We're not done, we're not dead in the water'

Comeback kids.

Mooseheads rally from four-goal deficit for critical Game 3 win



GEORDON OMAND

It just goes to show: It's never over till it's over.

From a 5-1 deficit midway through the game, the Halifax Mooseheads rallied in an incredible way to turn what looked like a lost cause into a nail-biter 6-5 overtime victory against the Foreurs on Tuesday night in Val-d'Or.

With an exciting Game 3 win at the Centre Air Creebec, the Mooseheads cut the Foreurs' best-of-seven QMJHL semifinal series lead to 2-1.

"I think the rallying point was coming in the room (after the second period) and the boys just saying to each other, 'We're not done, we're not dead in the water, we're coming out and we're a lot better than this," said Jesse Lussier, whose goal 8:24 into overtime — his first of the playoffs gave the visiting Mooseheads the much-needed win.

"I'm not really known for my goal-scoring ability but whenever I can chip in and help the boys out I'll do that when I can," he added, all smiles outside the Mooseheads dressing room.

But for most of the game a win seemed a very unlikely

The Foreurs came out swinging right from the puck



Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Matt Murphy holds up Anthony Beauregard of the Val-d'Or Foreurs as Halifax netminder Kevin Darveaux looks on during Game 3 action in Val-d'Or on Tuesday night. ANDY KLINK/ABITIBI EXPRESS

drop, scoring three goals on their first four shots - all by the 3:28 mark of the first frame - to the raucous delight of the home crowd.

The three goals led to Mooseheads star netminder Zach Fucale being pulled for a second straight game, in favour of backup Kevin Darveau.

After the teams swapped goals, Anthony Mantha netted his third of the game early in the second, and it looked

Game 4 on TV

The two squads face off again in Val-d'Or for Game 4 Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. The game is being carried live on Eastlink TV.

like the game was in the bag for Val-d'Or.

minutes later, But 10 defenceman Mooseheads Matt Murphy managed two markers within 58 seconds to cut the lead to 5-3.

A phenomenal third period turnaround saw Jonathan Drouin cut the Foreurs' lead to 5-4, before Mooseheads blue-liner MacKenzie Weegar tied it up with four minutes left in regulation time, making no mistake from about 15 feet in front of the Foreurs

Exciting overtime action saw players on both sides dig deep, keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats for solid end-to-end action.

That's when unlikely hero Lussier tallied on a rocket from the point off a pass from Philippe Gadoury to complete the comeback.

"We're just looking to build off this — it's obviously a big comeback, a big win, but it's not the way we wanted to come out," said Lussier about Tuesday night's victory.

"We want to come out a lot better than we did tonight."



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Bruins at Detroit

Tuukka shutout in Boston victory

The Boston Bruins took full advantage of Detroit's mistakes, and their stellar goaltender's flawless performance.

Dougie Hamilton and Jordan Caron scored in the first period and Tuukka Rask finished with a 23-save shutout, giving Boston a 3-0 win over the Red Wings and a 2-1 series lead in their first-round series.

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Rangers at Philly

Lundqvist saves N.Y. over Flyers

Derek Stepan, Martin St. Louis, Dan Girardi and Dan Carcillo scored goals, leading the New York Rangers to a 4-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 3 on Tuesday night.

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 31 shots to give the Rangers a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game 4 is Friday in Philadelphia.

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Faster than Lightning

NHL playoffs. Habs fans euphoric after sweepclinching win over Tampa Bay in Montreal

Max Pacioretty scored on a power play with 43 seconds left to play as the Montreal Canadiens completed a four-game sweep of the Tampa Bay Lightning with a 4-3 victory on Tuesday night.

Montreal now faces a long wait for the Eastern Conference semifinal against the winner of the Boston-Detroit series.

Pacioretty was parked on the doorstep to bang the

Game 4

Game 4

Lightning



rebound of Thomas Vanek's shot past Kristers Gudlevskis to send the 21,273 spectators into a frenzy.

The Canadiens entered the third period up 3-1 with

a 29-13 shot advantage, but the Lightning tied it by the 6:31 mark on goals from Victor Hedman and Tyler Johnson.

A tripping penalt

on Cedric Paquette with 2:11 left to play allowed Pacioretty to get the winner on Montreal's second power-play goal of the series. Sweep talkers

1993

Montreal's win Tuesday night clinched the Canadiens' first sweep since they took the Buffalo Sabres out in four straight in 1993 en route to the last of their 24 Stanley Cups.

Daniel Briere, Lars Eller and Brendan Gallagher also scored for Montreal. Ondrej Palat also scored for Tampa Bay, whose rookie-laden lineup could not keep pace with Montreal. The Bolts also played the series without No. 1 goalie Ben Bishop, who has a left arm injury.

For a second straight game, the Bell Centre was at a fever pitch with old-time pop star Ginette Reno singing the Canadian anthem. But while it took Rene Bourque only 11 seconds in to score the first goal in Game 3, this time it took 2:24 for Briere to open the scoring.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

DeRozan leads Raptors' resurgence to tie series

DeMar DeRozan poured in 30 points to lift the Toronto Raptors to a 100-95 victory over the Brooklyn Nets in Game 2 of their playoff series Tuesday, showing none of the post-season jitters that had plagued him in Game 1.

The best-of-seven Eastern Conference series is tied at one game apiece.

Amir Johnson had 16 points and nine rebounds, Jonas Valanciunas had 15 points and 14 boards for his second doubledouble of the series, while Kyle Lowry had 14 points, nine boards and six assists. Patrick Patterson added 12 points and nine rebounds.

Joe Johnson topped the Nets with 18 points, while Deron Williams had 15, Mirza Teletovic added 14, and Kevin Garnett finished with 13.

Toronto outrebounded Brooklyn 52-30.

The series shifts to Brooklyn for Game 3 on Friday and Game 4 on Sunday.

Raptors coach Dwane Casey predicted a completely different group of players — especially DeRozan — would show up for Game 2 after the majority of them looked overwhelmed by



the bright lights of the playoffs in Game 1.

The Raptors led by as much as 11 in the second quarter but the Nets got hot in the third and took a 66-64 advantage into the fourth.

DeRozan had to take a seat with seven minutes to go after picking up his fifth foul, but returned with about three minutes to play and promptly knocked down two huge shots, his second a fadeaway jumper from 18 feet that had him flexing his chest and growling in celebration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I think it's just in the DNA. Everybody don't have it, everybody's not born with it. Can't buy it at Costco or Walgreens. It's in the DNA."

Brooklyn forward Paul Pierce, explaining his career-spanning ability to come through in crunch time. Scan the above image to view a gallery of some of Pierce's clutch





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- Transmissions. Seven-speed automated manual with paddle-shift controls.
- Base price (incl. destination). \$42,500 (est.)

Market position

The GLA, based on the CLA sedan, is an example of high-end automakers introducing lower-priced products. The trick is to do it without alienating traditional buyers who seek the exclusivity of a luxury

Points

- · Rounder styling separates GLA from the larger GLK
- Base four-cylinder engine generates decent power, but performance AMG version blows it away
- · Seems as though the manual transmission era is over at Mercedes-Benz
- Attractive base price could rapidly escalate unless option list is avoided
- Expect this model to rival



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the CLA sedan in popularity.

Safety

DRIVE

Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; driver's side knee airbag; anti-lock brakes; traction control; stability control. L/100 km (city/ hwy) 8.2/5.5 (base 2.0, est.)

A frugal option from Mercedes

Review. How a car that could have been a compromise actually ended up being anything but

MALCOLM GUNN

Mercedes-Benz traditionally caters to its financially comfortable clientele with some deliciously desirable machinery. But in North America, the automaker is making an equally strong pitch to a younger, less affluent audience by introducing the 2015 GLA wagon. It's a companion model to the coupe-like 2014 CLA sedan that resides at the lower-priced and fuel-frugal end of the market.

The GLA, which launches in Canada this fall, gives entrylevel Mercedes-Benz shoppers a clear choice of vehicles that actually compromise little in the way of power and features.

Those who prefer the smooth look of the CLA sedan can choose that route, while the more practically minded can opt for the sport-wagon look and added carrying capacity of the GLA. Each car has its pluses and minuses, but the form-over-function CLA will ul-

timately be sharing a big slice of the econo-luxury podium

with the GLA. Given their commonality, it makes sense that the GLA and CLA share the same powertrains. The GLA250 4MATIC runs with a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder that generates 208 horsepower and 258

pound-feet of torque. Step up to the GLA45 AMG (4MATIC) and those values increase to 355/332. Although the displacements are equal, the AMG engine block has been strengthened and its higher output turbocharger produces nearly twice the boost of the GLA250's.

Both powerplants use a

seven-speed automated manual transmission with paddle shifters that produces quicker upshifts and downshifts than a traditional automatic/torque converter combo.

Ultimately, the GLA-Class should hold greater appeal than the CLA for budget-minded buyers.



Acura RDX Base price: \$43,200 Less sporty than first-generation model, but a powerful V6 makes it a winner.



BMW X1
Base price: \$39,100 Attractive base wagon emphasizes economy over performance.



3 Lincoln MKC Base price: \$41,800 New Ford Escape-based model should do well in an expanding category.









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> Nothing more than crummy wooden buggies in the beginning, you ran the risk of freezing to death or being randomly tossed overboard. At some point, the no-roof thing actually became pleasurable. Today, it's really about disguising your secret desire for freedom as practical family transportation ... with a few exceptions

The evolution of the convertible

TODD D. BURLAGE

It's rather fun to watch the roof go up and down, isn't it? Especially the hardtop models. The Mercedes SLK, the Mazda Miata PRHT, the Volkswagen EOS and even the Ferrari 458 Spider are like real-life Transformers. Just push a button: It's that easy.

But on sunny days a modern convertible, with the roof down, will cook your head. Or soak you if you even so much as look at a cloud the wrong way.

Put in that context, it's tough to define, or even understand, the popularity turbulence of the North American convertible in its 85 years on the road.

The automotive anomaly went from a curiosity in the 1930s to a tragic James Dean snapshot of the 1950s to near extinction in the 1970s to resurrection in the 1980s - and everywhere in between along

Demand for the convertible will never reach the levels of the 1950s and 1960s when the giant Lincoln Continental led the list of "Land Yachts" that became standard equipment on North American roadways.

But with convertible classics such as the Chevrolet Camaro and Corvette and the Ford Mustang on the 2015 product list, this topless symbol of summer and a staple of driving freedom remains strong. "Whether it's enjoying a lazy drive on a winding two-lane or cruising to a local drive-in," Rex Roy wrote in a tribute story for Popular Mechanics, "summer and convertibles go together like lemonade and iced tea."

The evolution of the convertible has been dramatic, mainly because automakers and engineers have spent decades chasing design flaws caused from all the moving parts needed to open and close or attach and detach the roof.

In the beginning, all cars were open air because they were nothing more than motorized horse buggies, where design efforts centred on engine performance and reliability, not on creature comforts like a proper roof and side glass or a heating system that could keep the glass from fogging up in a fully enclosed vehicle.

The demands for improved safety and shelter led Cadillac founder Henry Leland to



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introduce the fully closed body design in 1905. Leland's basic ideas gained traction while engineers assigned to the development of convertible vehicles continued to battle design demons like leaks, drafts, noise and the painful consumer details of removing and reattaching the stubborn and fragile cloth roof contraption.

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By 1925, the closed-cabin vehicle controlled 90 per cent of the market, essentially cutting out the open-air era, but not deterring an underground push for a true "convertible" that would balance the freedom of openness with the comfort of enclosure.

The convertible needed a breakthrough, and it got one in 1939 when Plymouth introduced the first powercontrolled top. The convenience of the power top was a brief boon, but the fruits of those improvements would have to simmer as automobile production in North America was all but halted for six years during the Second World War In 1976, Cadillac announced its Eldorado would be the 'last convertible in America,' prophetically holding that distinction until Chrysler saviour Lee Iacocca unveiled the wildly popular Chrysler LeBaron convertible in 1982.

• The LeBaron was built on the ubiquitous K-Car plat-

from 1939-'45. But a booming post-war economy, consumer confidence, fresh designs from General Motors and some slick concepts from Ford helped push demand for the convertible through the 1950s to more than five per cent of all new car sales, its highest level on

Ford controlled much of the convertible market in the 1950s with its popular Thunderbird and Fairlane models. General Motors, meanwhile, was making a mark with its "hardtop"

convertible design in the Cadillac Coupe de Ville and Buick Roadmaster. The hardtop convertibles were constructed with a fixed roof and not built with the manual top-off, top-on design. But the pillarless look and disappearing side windows offered the feel of a convertible with the added protection and safety of a closed vehicle. But, when it was off, the roof needed go someplace, which was far from handy on long journeys.

The popularity of Ford models and the success of the

GM hardtops kept convertible demand levels at about six per cent of the automotive market through the 1960s, and right up until social events and economic failure ended the Glory Days and put the North American convertible on the endangered list. The carefree attitude of the 1950s and '60s gave way to the recessive '70s with two oil embargoes, government proposals for expensive rollover crash protection, and a general disapproval in the quality control of domestic automakers.

Of course, the unmatched comfort of the traditional closed-air sedan will always keep the convertible in its isolated place among new car buyers, but the convenience of the metal folding top, for one, is helping to make it easier to justify what was once considered a frivolous second-car purchase. A convertible as a primary mode of transport? Yes, indeed, as manufacturers now merge somewhat sensible transportation and wind-in-your hair freedom into one vehicle.







The Ferrari 458 Spider WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM





form and sold 23,000 units in its first year, which was more than seven times the sales projections. After a five-year hiatus, manufacturers were again making convertibles and Iacocca was being celebrated for saving both Chrysler and the North American convertible.



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Sans cord: Volvo works on wireless car charging



Induction charging.

New system uses an electromagnetic field to transfer energy from the base station to the vehicle's battery

JIL MCINTOSH

It's possible today to charge your phone or your electric toothbrush without directly plugging it into the wall, but how about a car? It could happen one day, thanks to an experimental project by Volvo that could potentially eliminate the cords on electric vehicles.

"You don't have to get the charging cable from the car and connect it to the grid," says Crister Lunde, project leader for power electronics and electric propulsion systems at Volvo Car Corporation. "You just park in the right position, and it starts charging."

Called induction charging, the system uses an electromagnetic field to transfer energy. It requires two induction coils, one of them located in a base station and the other in the vehicle. The coil in the charging base creates an alternating electromagnetic field, while the coil in the car picks up that power and converts it back to electrical energy to charge the vehicle's battery.

Lunde says the wireless system's charging time will essentially be the same as plugging the car in, but the real benefit is in the convenience. The charging

Energy transfer

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Facts and tips

- Batteries use direct current (DC), while household current is alternating current (AC), and the system uses a converter to change AC to DC for charging.
- Wireless charging could also be used for plug-in hybrids and extendedrange vehicles, which plug in but also use gasoline engines for longer driving neriods.
- The wireless system is self-contained and can be safely used on rainy days.

pad eliminates opening the trunk, getting the cord out, and plugging in both ends. The wireless system is an even better option if it's raining or the cord is dirty from being on the ground, he says.

One of the issues the engineers are still working on is creating a failsafe object detection system. "If something like a cat or a small child crawled under the car, the system must close down," Lunde says. "It will stop operating until you remove them. They're still working with this, and it's still under development."

The system also needs to warn the driver if there are any metallic objects lying on the charging pad, which could interfere with the electromagnetic field.

Volvo isn't the only company working on inductive charging, which presents another issue. While each automaker would probably like to have a proprietary system, all electric cars will need to work with every wireless base. This would enable the eventual construction of a viable infrastructure of public charging systems, just as every gasoline pump nozzle fits every car's filler neck. "It's important for the future that there should be standards," Lunde says. "The chargers will have to be the same. We want a free transfer that everyone can use for public charging.



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Feel the power of the high-pressure wand

Car wash. Don't underestimate the ability of the self-serve car wash to both clean your vehicle and focus your mind



AUTO PILOT Mike Goetz drive@metronews.ca

The weather around here last weekend was still on the cool side — well below the shorts and T-shirt threshold. But the upward trajectory of temperatures was registered and palpable in everyone's mood, and evident in the way everyone strutted around town in unzipped jackets.

I desperately needed an automotive action to acknowledge the change in weather fortunes. Since my appointment to switch the winter tires over to summers was a still a week away, I decided to head over to my



local self-serve car wash emporium, where I would find that wonderful and slightly magic, high-pressure wand.

Maybe I don't get out enough, but I find it quite satisfying to have that much water pressure at my beck and call. And to have the end result of my commanding to be a beautifully clean car, well that's just icing on top of icing.

On this occasion I felt the time was right to also power wash the floor mats. Salt was not expected for another seven months or so. The winter juice that I chased out of those mats was something to behold.

Later in the day, after the mats had dried in the sun, I was reluctant to put

Quote

"I guess they have better wands at Hogwarts, but it's not likely I will get my hands on ... those."

Mike Goetz, columnist

them back in place inside the Honda. So clean were the mats, and so not clean were still the insides of the Honda. But they did go back eventually, after the teenagers grudgingly did some vacuuming.

I also value the self-serve car wash for its ability to focus the mind. It's the time element thing. It's amazing how much you can attend to if you know you only have three minutes in which to get it done.

I only wish I could accomplish other things in my life so well in three minutes.

It definitely puts your

mind in high gear. Not only are you working and focusing on your task as hard as you can, you are also simultaneously making lots of calculations. Like ...

"This area I'm working on has to be clean. But should I move on to other areas? How much time has passed? Should I look? No, don't look, keep going."

There is nothing more frustrating than running out of wand time with a fender to go.

Actually there is one more level of frustration — finding you missed a big spot. Cars never dry as clean as they look when they're wet.

I guess they have better wands at Hogwarts, but it's not likely I will get my hands on any of those as I'm not alumni.

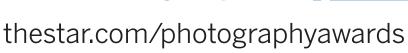
Still I'm completely happy with just the "car wash wand." My time with them is the best three bucks I spend all week. I wield the wand, watch salt and grime float away on a river of my own making, and feel nothing but good.



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Here's a good sign



Cast Metal Garage Sign from Personal Creations (Item # 3002114) is made from recycled aluminum and is hand-painted. But best of all, it can be personalized with the owner's name on top (up to 12 letters) and with a brief message on the bottom (up to nine letters). The sign is also suitable for indoor and outdoor use, sells for \$75 and can be purchased at personal-creations.com.

A jack makes light work

Michigan-based salvage artist Breck Armstrong of Moss Studios specializes in creating nostalgic home and office decor pieces, including this vintage Car Jack Table Lamp. It's made using an actual jack from early 20th century cars (pre-1920), when

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effort must come from you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Mercury joins the Sun in your sign today and your mood will be better. The next three weeks are potentially the best of the year for you, so take advantage of the opportunities that come your way.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

Your feelings may be a bit fragile over the next 24 hours, so steer clear of people who are rude. Some days it is necessary to restrict yourself to your company.

9 Cancer June 22 - July 23

Don't try to solve others' problems by yourself. Be generous, especially with time and sympathy, but recognize that the only way friends will solve their issues is by looking for them themselves.

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Mercury, planet of the mind, crosses the career angle of your chart today, which means you will no longer be able to kid yourself about what is and is not possible.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

This is one of the best times of the year for you and it will get even better over the next few days as Mercury, your ruler, opens your mind to new possibilities.

△ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Whatever it is that you fear, you need to put a name to it because only then will you be able to face it and conquer it. Most likely you have been worrying for no good reason.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

It may feel as if you have no control over what is going on in your life but that simply isn't true. You have, however, allowed people to dictate to you what you can and cannot do. It's time to make it clear that enough is enough.

プ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

While everyone is running around and bumping into each other as if the end of the world is nigh, you will be the picture of tranquility. That may mean you have no idea what is going on but there are times when ignorance is OK.

17 Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Yours may not be the most flexible sign but it will pay you to make an effort to adapt today. You have a great deal going for you at the moment but to make the most of it, be less set in your ways.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will learn something over the next 24 hours but if you are smart, you will keep it to yourself for now. What you find out about a situation could be beneficial.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20 Sometimes it's good to get away from your duties and chores and lose yourself in activities you really enjoy. Such a time is now. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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Across

- 1. Daytime/nighttime 5. Theatrical work, Godunov
- 10. Havana's locale 14. TV handyman Bob
- 15. Mediterranean
- vacation island
- 16. Kitchen's kiln kin 17. Scrapes, budgetwise
- 18. of Canada 20. Canadian brand of
- toilet paper 22. Gather
- 23. Ms. Skye of "Say Anything..." (1989),
- and namesakes 24. Painting subject (en francais) for
- Manet 26. Terra
- 27. __ Desert (Located in the Yukon, it's endearingly called the world's smallest desert)
- in Toronto 32. Northern Ontario city, __ Lake
- 34. -soup
- 35. Crows 37. Pac. opposite when looking at
- Canada 38. Canadian news-
- man Mr. Mansbridge of the moment 39.
- 40. Invitees 42. Monk's title
- 43. Artsy statesman of ancient Athens
- 45. Cosine or sine
- 47. Wuthering
- 32 35 36 39 40 41 50 56 59 62 63

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- Heights expanse 48. Voyageur's transport
- 49. The __ of 2014 52. Frontman of Rush: 2 wds.
- 55. Rare baleen creature: 2 wds. 58. Inactive
- 59. Ms. Reid 60. Boring tool 61. Foster film 62. Songstress Sheryl
- 63. Lances 64. Steel shade

Down

- plaisir!" (Gladly, in Quebec)
- 2. "Grace Kelly" singer 3. Long-extinct mar-

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- ine reptile of ancient waters, such as of the Yukon
- 4. Team's sidelines
- cheers-leader 5. Important happen-
- ing: 2 wds. 6. Some woodwinds

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- 7. BC's Fraser, et al. 8. 'Special' suffix 9. Mediterranean isl.
 - near Italy 10. The second 'C' of CIBC 11. Iris' place

- BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN 12. Mr. Affleck's
- 13. Colony critters
- 19. Pusher-catching
- cop 21. Beginner bets
- 24. Sussex slammers
- 25. Mr. Linkletter
- 26. diem! (Seize the day!)
- 27. Quotes
- 28. Baseball position
- 29. 'I hope', to Caesar
- 30. Ms. Gilbert
- 31. Baking meas.
- 33. "Today" anchor
- 36. Northern Alberta
- town 38. Mind your
- Qs
- 40. Mop & __ (Floor
- cleaner) 41. Canadian TV
- drama of 1996 to
- 2000 that viewers were 'invested' in
- watching
- 44. Haggler's concern 46. Considering, as
- an idea
- 48. Showbiz type
- 49. Federal org. concerning broadcasting
- 50. Beguiler
- 51. It means 'Soil'
- 52. Someone smit-
- ten's status
- 53. Addition (Canadian plus-size
- clothing chain) 54. Moray-like
- 56. Occurred
- 57. Beach structure



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	5	4	6	1	8	9	7	.3
7	9	6	3	.5	2	4	1	8
1	8	3	9	4	7	2	6	.5
9	3	1	2	8	6	5	4	7
5	6	2	4	7	1	8	3	9
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